

The Portal

Navigating the Web-based Application



Here is your how-to guide for submitting your application for the GREAT Grant.

GREAT GRANT PROGRAM

Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology

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Application Instructions



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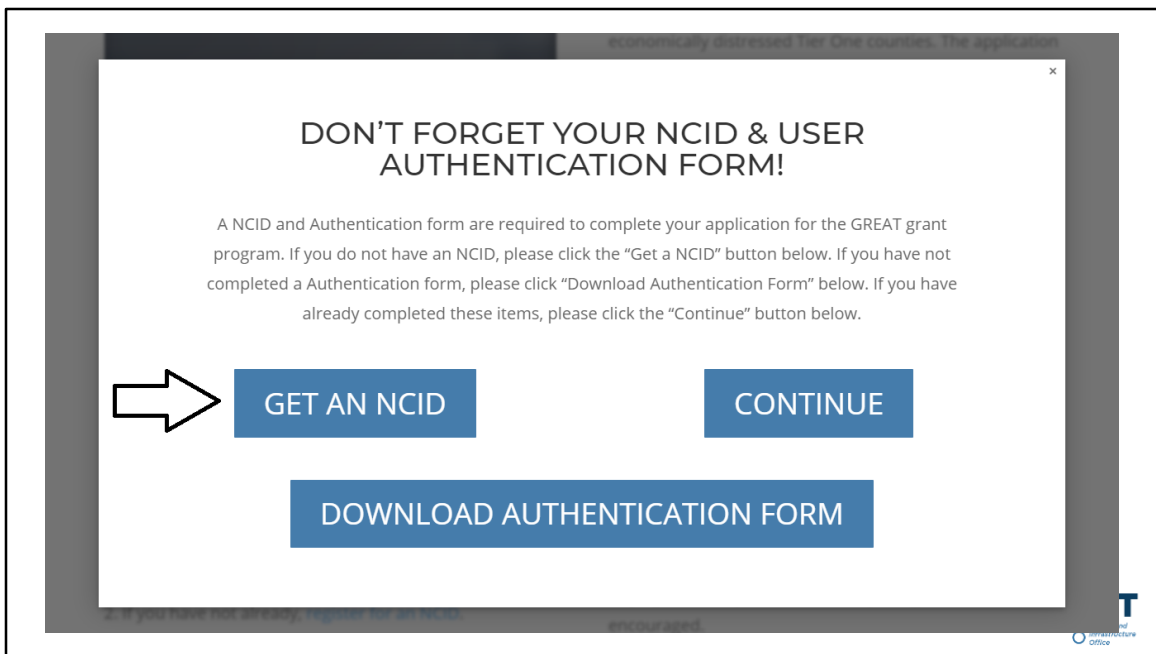


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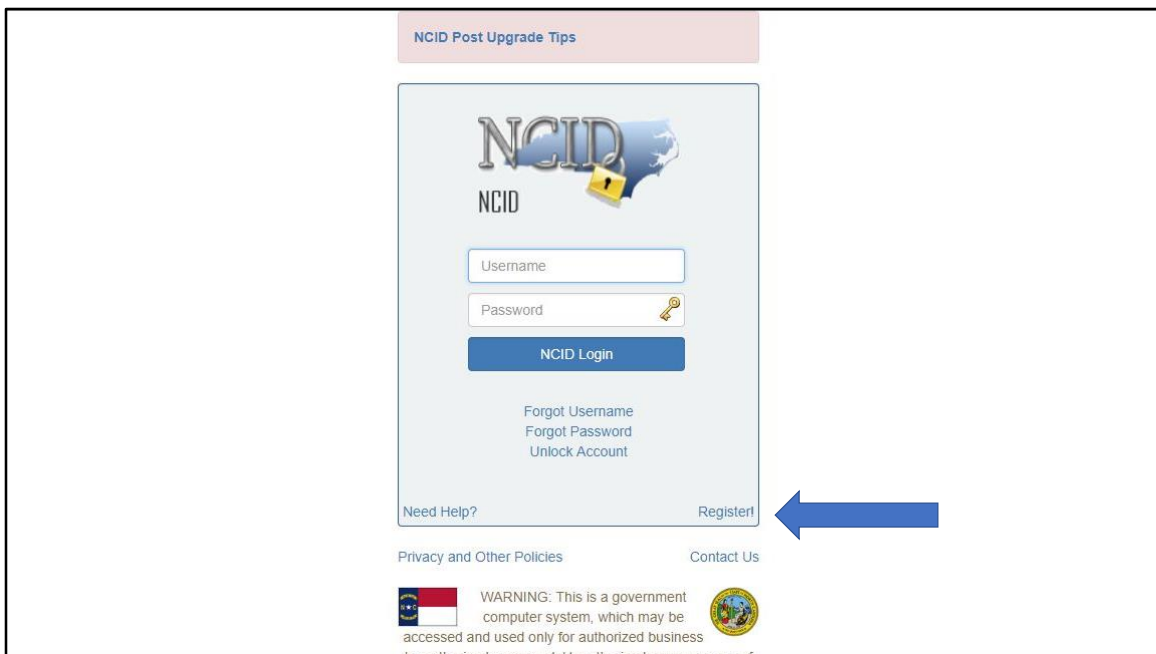
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To get started, we recommend using Internet Explorer to complete your application. Visit NCBroadband.gov/GreatGrant and click “Start Your Application.”



You will receive a popup that gives you the option to Get an NCID and User Authentication form. Both of these are required to complete an application. If you have not registered an NCID, please click “Get an NCID.”



Once you arrive at the NCID login page, click “Register!”



North Carolina Identity Management



New User Registration

Please indicate your user type from one of the following categories:

Individual	Request access to the State of North Carolina services as an individual or citizen.
Business	Request access to the State of North Carolina services on the behalf of a business.
State Employee	Currently employed or assigned to work for an agency within the State of North Carolina government.
Local Government Employee	Currently employed or assigned to work for a North Carolina county or municipality.


This system is the property of the State of North Carolina and is for authorized use only. Unauthorized access is a violation of federal and state law. All software, data transactions, and electronic communications are subject to monitoring.



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Select “Business” as the new user registration type.



New User Registration
Self Service Password Reset

North Carolina Identity Management

To create your account, NCID will email you a code. You will need this code once you complete the form below and click the "Continue" button.

Requested UserID*

Prefix (Optional)

First Name*

Middle Initial (Optional)

Last Name*

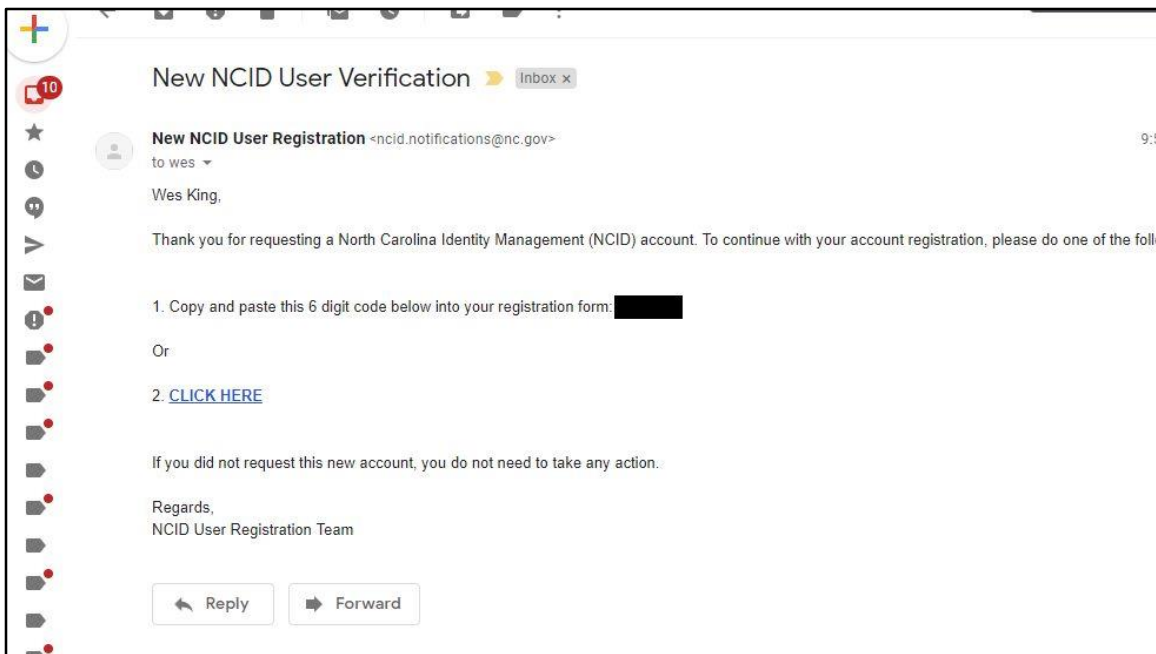
Suffix (Optional)

Email Address*


Confirm Email Address*

Telephone Number*

On this page, complete all of the required information and continue.



Once you complete the registration, you will receive a confirmation email with a code. You can either click the link in the email which will automatically confirm your account or copy your code from your email.




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Self Service Password Reset

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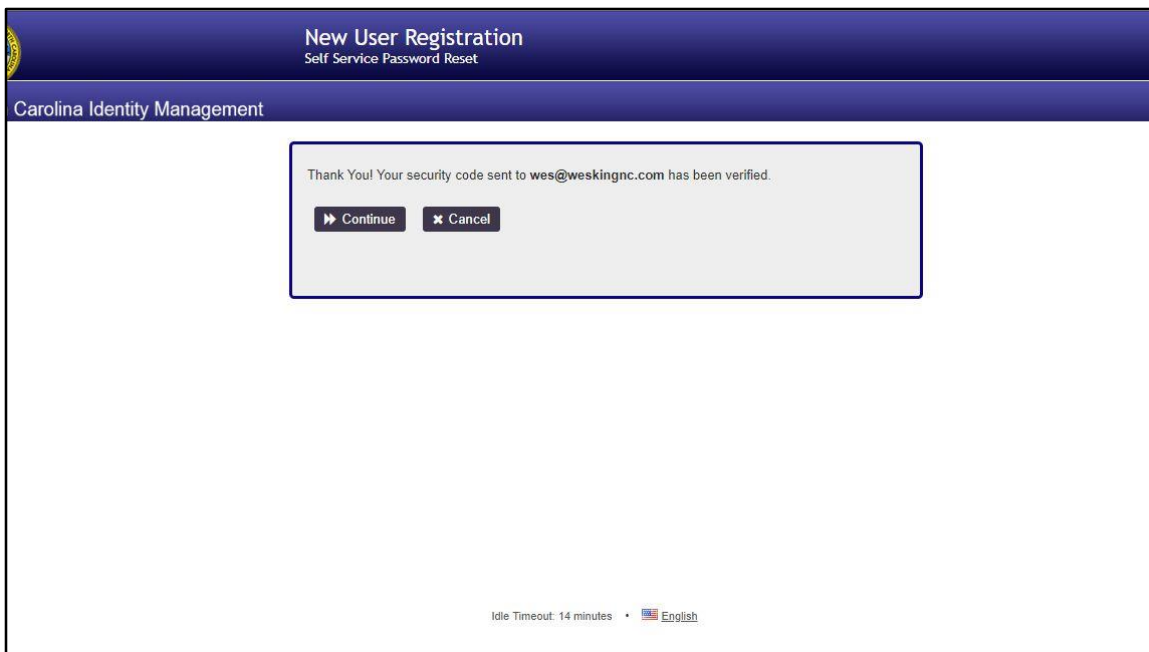
To verify your identity, a message has been sent to you. Please enter, in the box below, the six-digit code that has been sent to you.

Code

☒ Check Code ☒ Cancel

Idle Timeout: 14 minutes •  English

If you copied your confirmation code, enter it here and click “Check Code.”



The image shows a web application interface for "New User Registration" and "Self Service Password Reset". The header is dark blue with a yellow seal on the left. Below the header is a dark blue bar with the text "Carolina Identity Management". The main content area is white and contains a light gray box with a success message: "Thank You! Your security code sent to wes@weskingnc.com has been verified." Below the message are two buttons: "Continue" (with a right arrow icon) and "Cancel" (with an X icon). At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "Idle Timeout: 14 minutes" and a language selector showing a US flag and the word "English".

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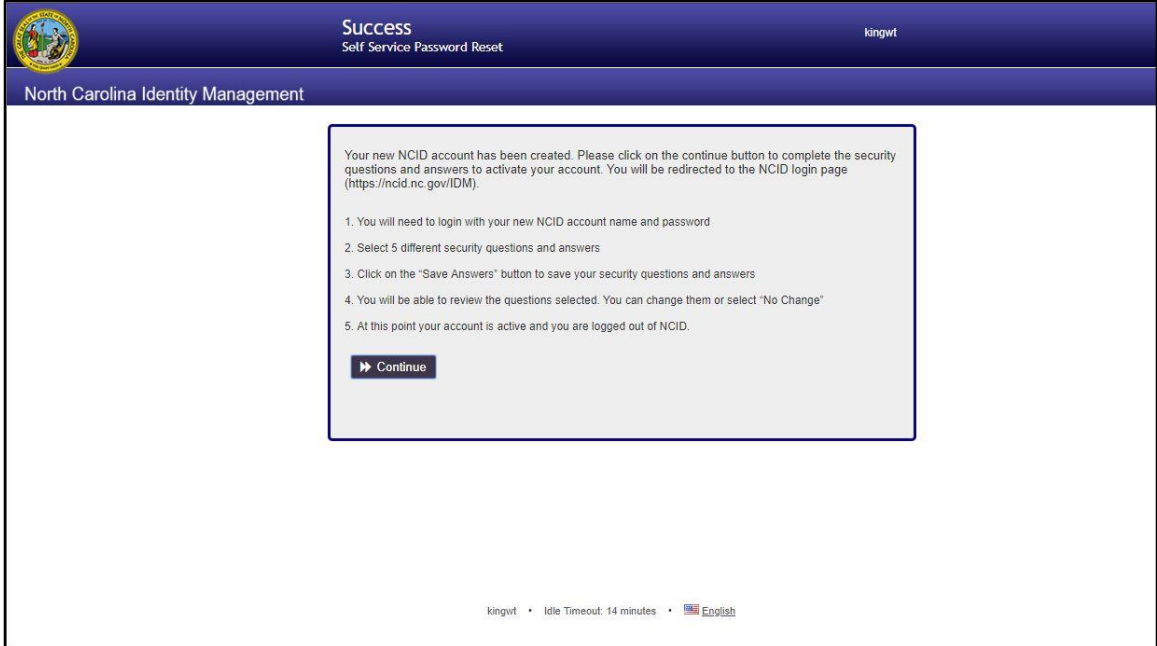
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NCID Post Upgrade Tips



NCID




NCID Login


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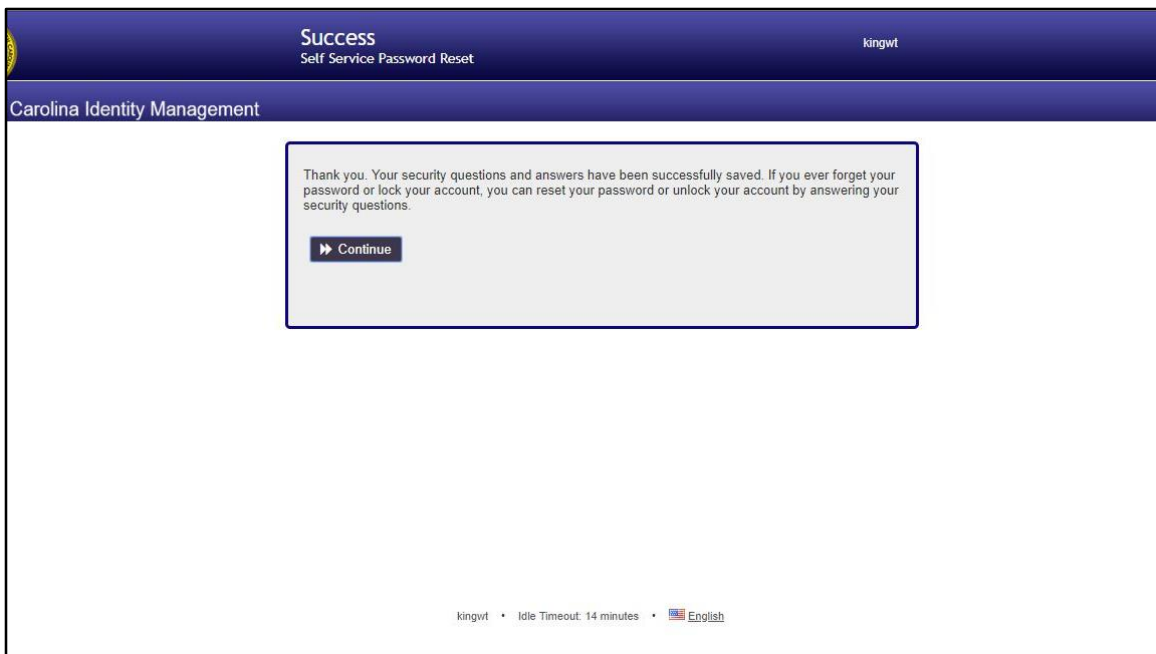
WARNING: This is a government computer system, which may be accessed and used only for authorized business purposes.



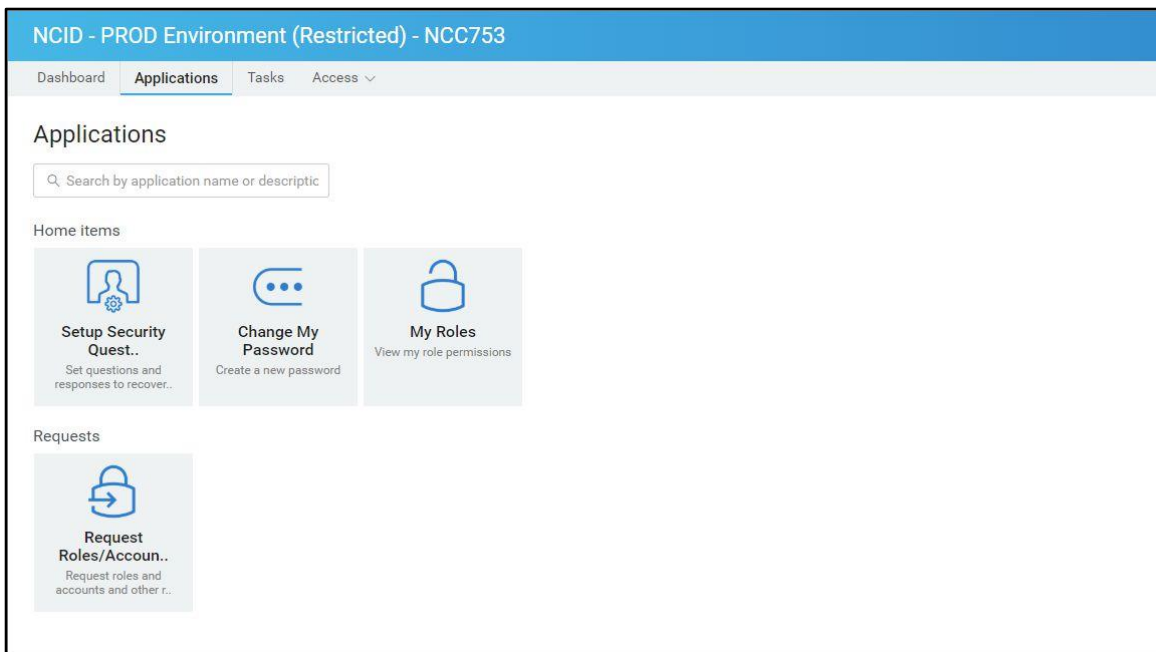
Login with your credentials.

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Click “Continue.”



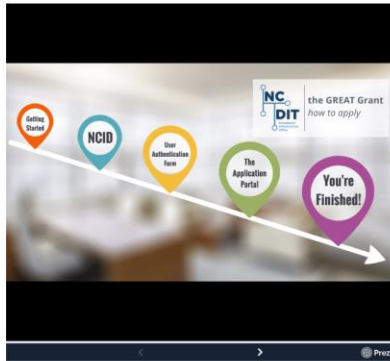
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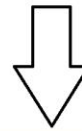
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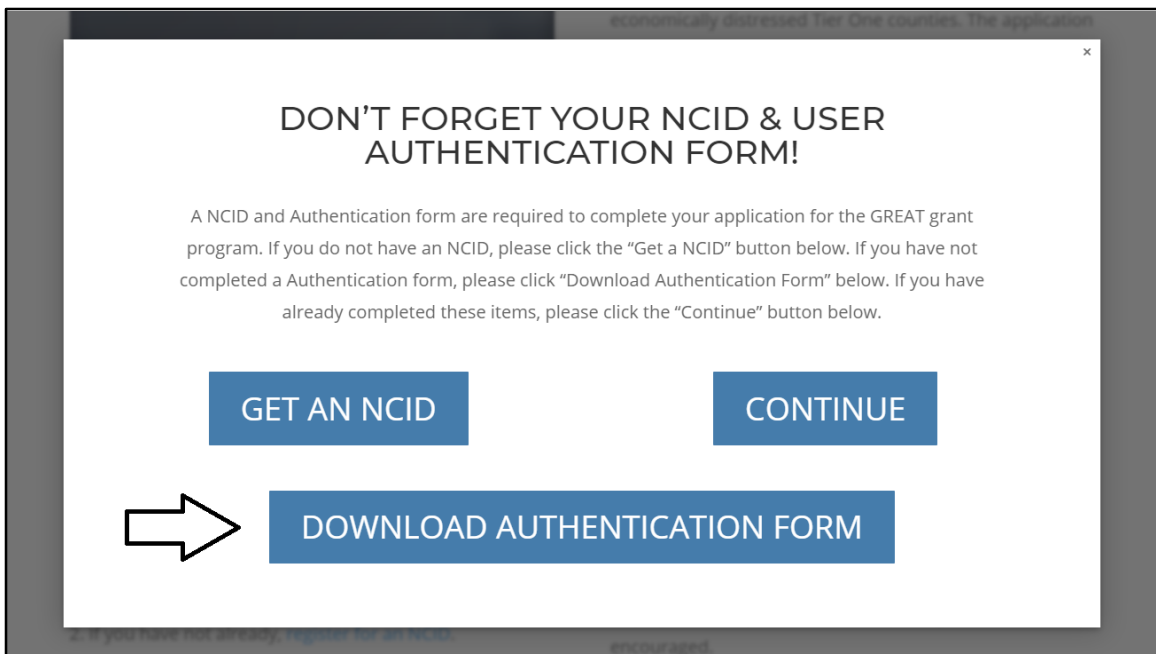


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Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) Grant

Access Authorization Form

(Users) need an NCID account to access the grant management system to submit grant applications and supporting information to the Broadband Infrastructure Office. If you do not have an NCID account visit the NCID New User Registration form at <https://ncid.nc.gov/ldmdash/>.

In addition to the NCID account, this authorization form is required to set up that new account with appropriate authorizations to submit grant application information. Complete the following form and return it to GreatGrant@nc.gov.

User & NCID Account Information

NCID Username: _____

First: _____ Last: _____

Organization: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Provide an 8-digit personal identification number (PIN).
The PIN will be used to assist (users) in the event they are unable to access the system and cannot resolve the issue using the self-service account unlock or reminder capabilities.

8-digit PIN: _____


Certification

I certify the information above is accurate and I am the authorized person to perform the duties associated with the submission of grant application information.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: / /



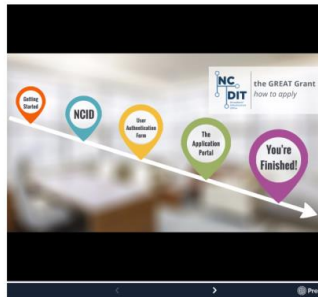
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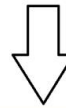
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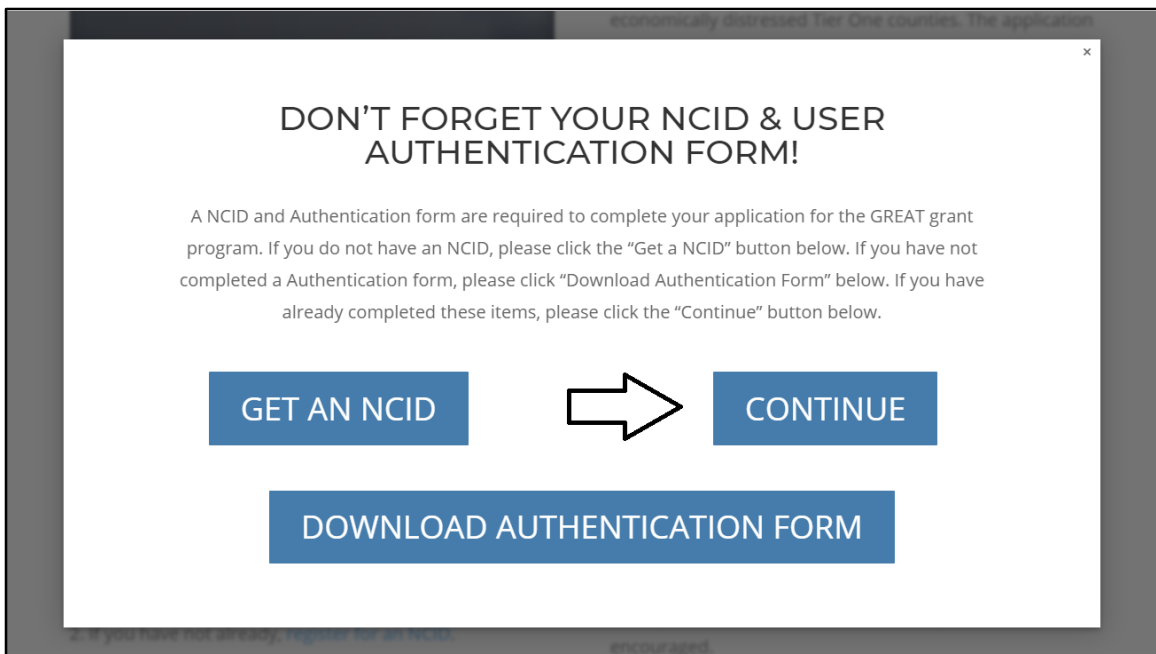


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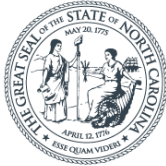
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Visit NCBroadband.gov/GreatGrant and click “Start Your Application”



Click “Continue” to access the GREAT Grant application portal.



Enterprise Business Services

User *

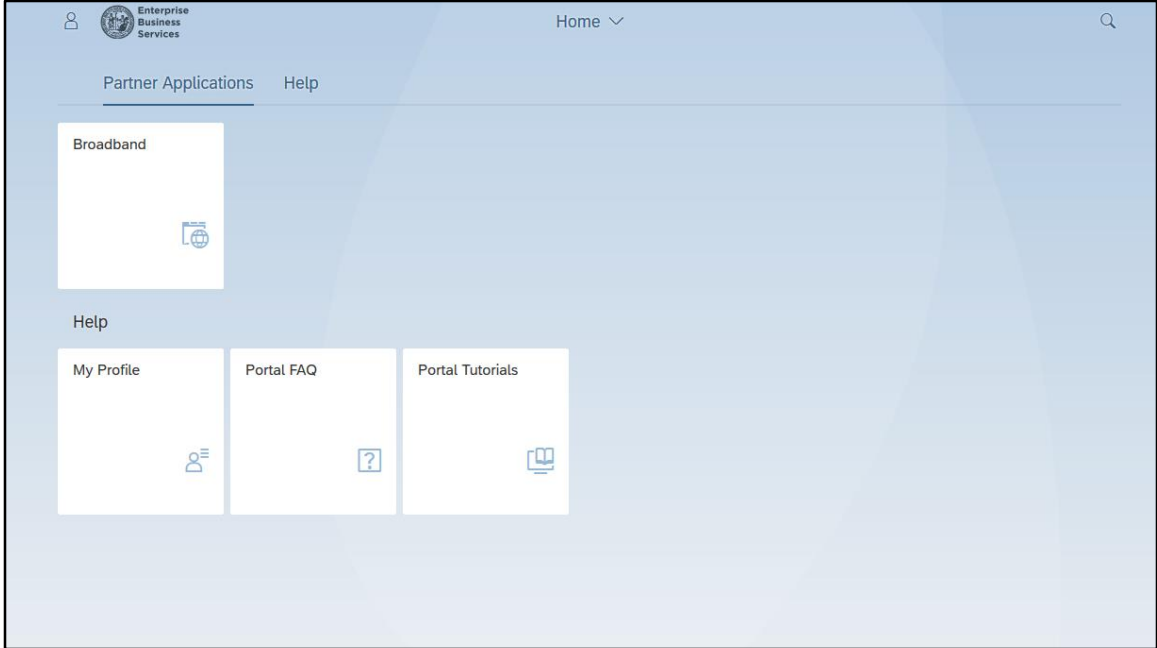
Password *

Passwords are case sensitive

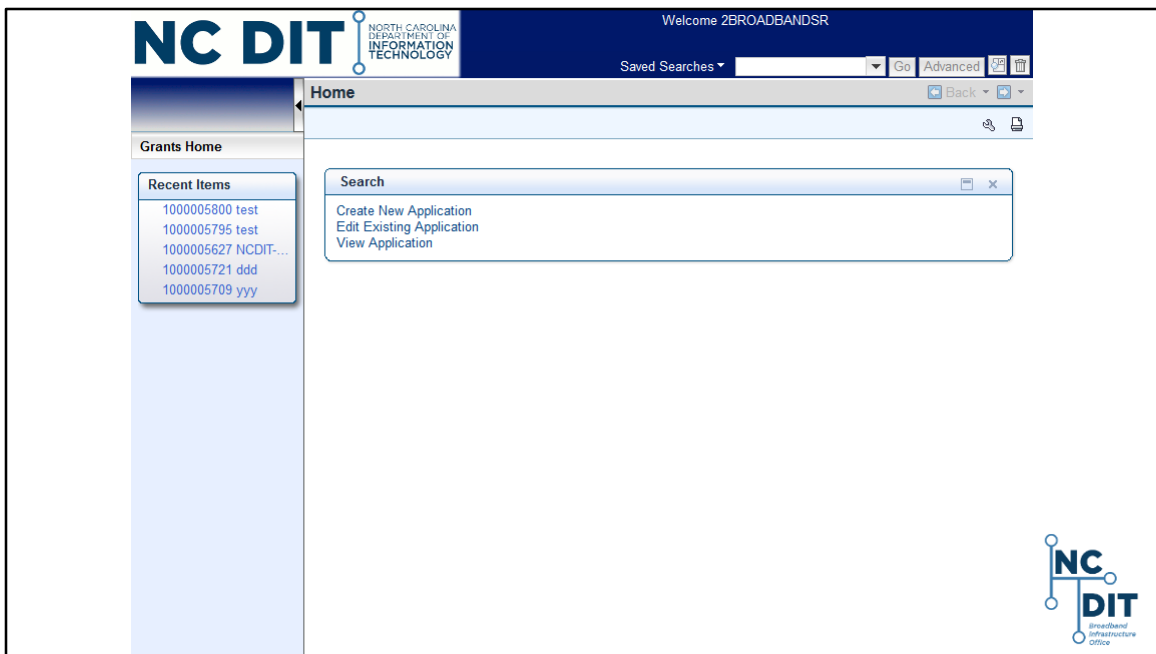
Log On

[Login Help](#) • [Browser Support](#)

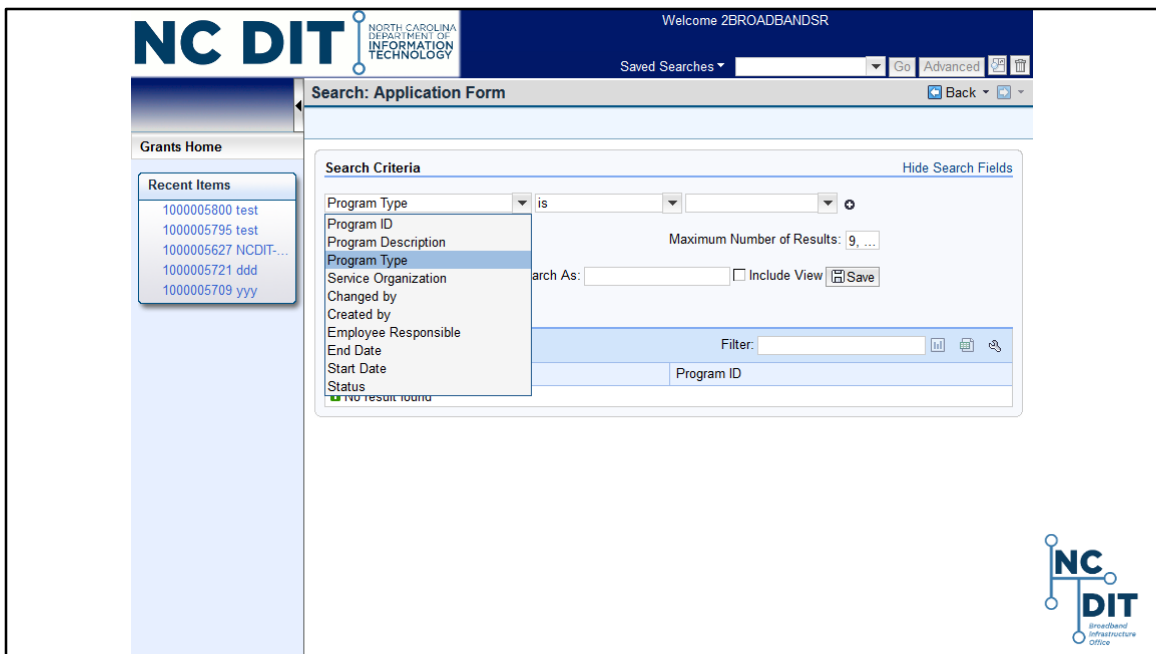
Now you will arrive at the GREAT Grant program portal. Here, you will log in using the credentials you have received after your Authorization Form was filed.



Once you log in, you will land on this homepage. Select “Broadband.”



Once you land on this page, you will want to select “Create a New Application” for new applications. If you have already started an application, click “Edit Existing Application” and search for your application.



On this page, in the search criteria, select “Program Type.”

Search: Application Form

Hide Search Fields

Search Criteria

Program Type is Rural Broadband Pr...

Maximum Number of Results: 9, ...

Search Clear

Save Search As: Include View Save

Result List

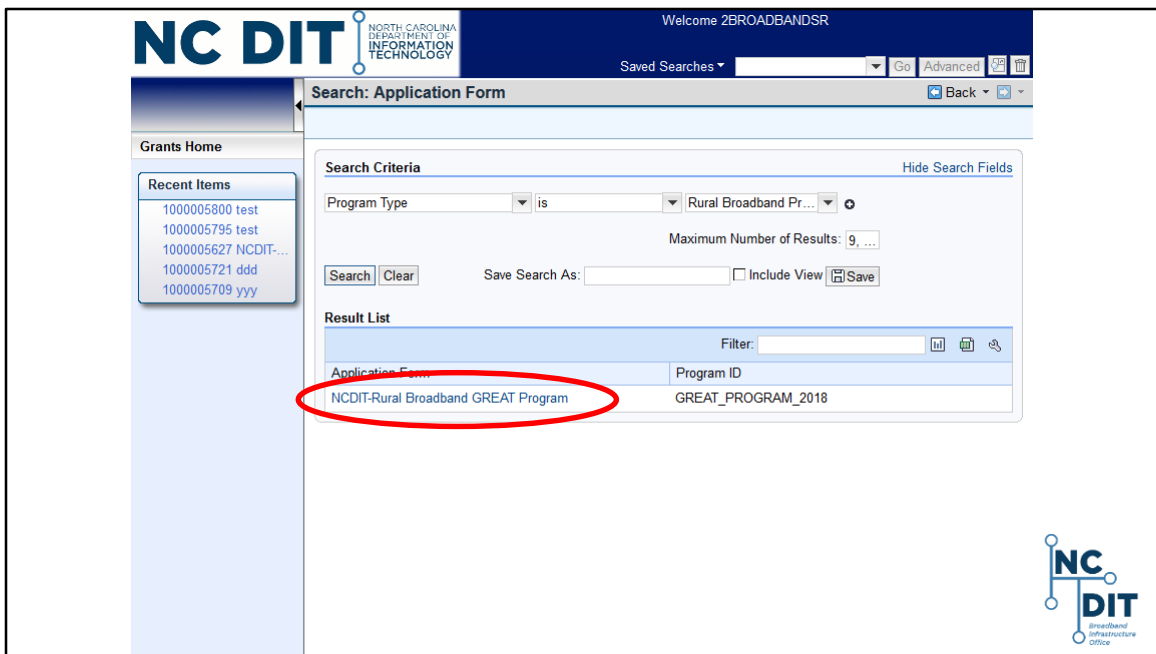
Filter:

Application Form	Program ID
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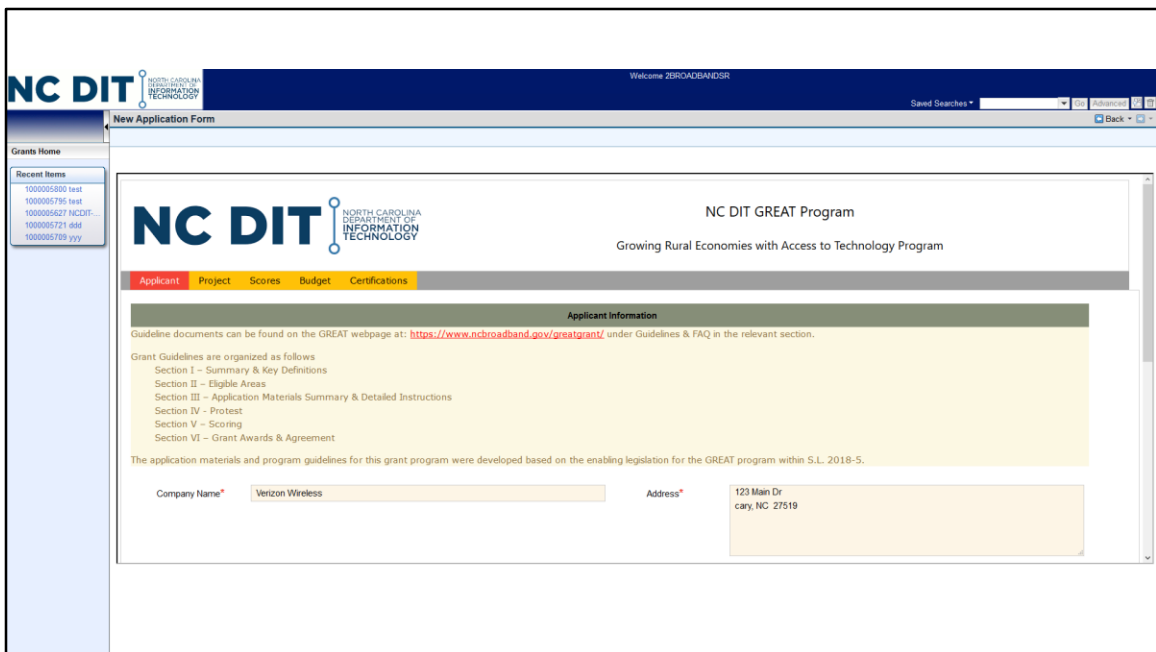
Grants Home

Recent Items

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Click “NCDIT-Rural Broadband GREAT Program.



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Saved Searches

New Application Form

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Applicant Project Scores Budget Certifications

Applicant Information

Guideline documents can be found on the GREAT webpage at: <https://www.ncbroadband.gov/greatgrant/> under Guidelines & FAQ in the relevant section.

Grant Guidelines are organized as follows

- Section I - Summary & Key Definitions
- Section II - Eligible Areas
- Section III - Application Materials Summary & Detailed Instructions
- Section IV - Protest
- Section V - Scoring
- Section VI - Grant Awards & Agreement

The application materials and program guidelines for this grant program were developed based on the enabling legislation for the GREAT program within S.L. 2018-5.

Company Name* Verizon Wireless

Address* 123 Main Dr
Cary, NC 27519

Now you will arrive at the application for the GREAT Grant program.

The screenshot shows the 'New Application Form' interface for NC DIT. The header includes the NC DIT logo and 'Welcome 2BROADBANDSR'. The form contains several sections with input fields: 'Phone Number' and 'E-Mail' at the top; 'Authorized Representative (Alternative)' with 'Full Name', 'Contact Title', 'Phone Number', and 'E-Mail'; and 'Grant Administrator & Company Name(if applicable):' with 'Full Name', 'Contact Title', 'Phone Number', 'E-Mail', 'Website', 'Federal Tax ID', and 'Address'. At the bottom right, three buttons are present: 'Check' (yellow), 'Save' (green), and 'Next' (grey). The 'Check' button is circled in yellow.

At the bottom of the page, you will notice multiple navigation buttons. Use these carefully. The “Check” button helps you check to make sure that all of the required fields on the page have been completed. The “Save” button will save your progress and send you to the upload

files page for the application. Then you will need to re-enter the application using the directions above. The “Next” button allows you to navigate to through the application.

One important note here is that the Next button DOES NOT SAVE your information with the profile. Only the “Submit” button on the last page of the application and the “Save” button will save your information. There is a 30 minute timeout on the application portal. So plan your entry accordingly to avoid lost information.

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Application **Project** **Process** **Subject** **Certifications**

Project Information

Project Title*

County* Tax ID*

Estimated # of Households with improved access* Estimated # of Businesses with improved access*

Estimated # of Agriculture Operations with improved access* Estimated # of Community Anchor Points with improved access*

Project Description (provide a brief summary of the project)*

Has the applicant entered into a partnership for this project as defined in S.L. 2019-07? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Checklist Details

1. Statement of Qualifications (Please provide a detailed description of qualifications and experience with the deployment of broadband)*

2. Assessment of the current level of broadband access in the proposed deployment area - supporting data may be uploaded if applicable*

3. Description of Proposed Services and Advertised Speeds*

4. Description of Adoption Plan*

By checking the appropriate box, you will upload the following documents:


5. Project Area & Locations to be Served - Upload* ☐

6. Technical Report - Upload* ☐

7. Evidence of Support for the Project - Upload* ☐

NC DIT broadband infrastructure office

On the Project page, please add the information around the project for which you are submitting this grant application. You will have the option to upload documents on the Certifications page.



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SCORING


The GREAT Program is a competitive grant program. Applications shall be scored based upon a system that awards a single point for criteria considered to be the minimum level for the provision of broadband service, with additional points awarded to criteria that exceed minimum levels. Applications receiving the highest score shall receive priority status for the awarding of grants. The tool below is being provided for Applicants so that they may estimate their score to determine estimated match requirements. All final and official scores will be determined by the BIO during the review process.

Applicant	Score
a) Partnership – Projects involving a partnership or affiliation by a private provider with a nonprofit or not-for-profit, or a for-profit subsidiary with documentation that shows the partnership or affiliation will facilitate deployment and reduce cost per housing unit by utilizing the resources, facilities, & infrastructure of the partner or where the nonprofit or not-for-profit partner provides only financial support.	0 – No Points 0
b) Unserved Households (HH) – Using most recent FCC Data or other information or supporting data, estimated number of unserved households within the eligible county (TIER ONE)	750 or less 1
c) Households (HH) to be Served – Using most recent FCC Data or other information supporting data, estimated number of households that will be served within the eligible project area	Under 150 1
d) Unserved Business – Using most recent FCC Data or other information supporting data, provide broadband service to unserved business within eligible county (TIER ONE) and project area (Documentation)	1-4 1
e) Cost Per Household	
e1) Ownership Type	Choose One 0
e2) Piedmont or Coastal Plain Region	Choose One 0
e3) Mountain Region	Choose One 0
f) Base Speed - Minimum Download - Upload	10 Down 1 0.55
Total Score 2.55	
g) Community Broadband Plan defined by BIO	No 0
Final Score 2.55	

PreviousCheckSaveNext



On the scoring page, you will find the information around the scoring system associated with the application. Using the dropdowns, please select the corresponding answers for your application. In the score column, you will see the score associated with your selections.



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Applicant | Project | Scores | **Budget** | Certifications

Budget Details

By checking the appropriate box, you will upload the following documents:

- Budget Narrative giving a detailed explanation of the project expenses in the summary template - Upload ☐
- What is the cost per household for project? Please provide your methodology or explain how you calculated the cost per household - Upload ☐
- Proof of Funding Availability - Upload ☐

Project Budget Summary


List all expenses related to the project, the amount of each expense, and the corresponding funding source(s) in the table below. The table should include all of the eligible costs such as: installation, acquiring or updating equipment, equipment, fiber, construction, backhaul infrastructure for the end user, and testing costs. Ineligible costs should not be included in the project budget. The table should clearly show all planned expenditures and all funding sources for the project.

Application Score:	3.88	Matching Requirement (%):	55%
Based on your scoring matrix, Your minimum match requirements:			
Total project Cost (\$)*		Grant Amount Requested (\$)	\$0


Project Expense	GIG-AT Funds (\$)	Matching Funds (\$)	Total (\$)
Examiners (one-time fees)			\$
Materials (fiber, equipment, etc.)			\$
Constructive Termination			\$
Testing			\$
Other1			\$
Other2			\$
Other3			\$
Total Eligible Project Cost (\$)	50	50	50

Please list out each expense identified in the "Other" line item:

[Previous](#)
[Check](#)
[Save](#)
[Next](#)



In the Budget page, you will find the options for entering your budget narrative and project budget summary. You will have the option to upload documents on the Certifications page.



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Company Certifications

1. Overdue Tax Debts

Does the Company or the Related Member(s) currently have any overdue tax debts with any City, Town or County in, or with the State of North Carolina? *

Yes

2. Occupational Safety and Health Act Violations

Does the Company, or the Related Member(s) have any citation under the Occupational Safety and Health Act that have become a final order within the past three years for willful serious violations or for failing to abate serious violations? *

Yes

3. Loan Defaults

Is the Company, or the Related Member(s) currently in default on any loan or grant previously made by the State of North Carolina? *

Yes

4. Incentive History

Has the Company or Related Member(s) ever defaulted on an economic development grant or incentive or been sued by a grantor with respect to an economic development grant or incentive from the State of North Carolina? *

Yes

5. Creditor Liens, Litigation, Government Investigations

Has any member of management or any principal of the Company, or the Related Member(s) been involved in a financial reorganization, bankruptcy, or other situation that led to losses by creditors or bond buyers, investor lawsuits, or government investigation alleging fraud or impropriety? *

Yes

6. Pending or Threatened Litigation

Is the Company or Related Member(s) subject to any claim, suit, action, proceeding, or government investigation that is pending or threatened that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the proposed grantee's finances or operations or the ability to conduct the proposed project, or that would reasonably be expected to impact the NC DIT's decision to award a grant? *

Yes

Internet Service Provider (ISP) Certification and Attestation

The attached statements and exhibits are hereby made part of this application, and the undersigned representative of the applicant certifies that the information in this application and the attached statements and exhibits are true, correct, and complete to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief. The signatory further certifies:

- as Authorized Representative, the signatory has been authorized to file this application by formal action of the governing body;
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- attests that the proposed project area is eligible.

Authorized Representative

Name *

Title *


Date *

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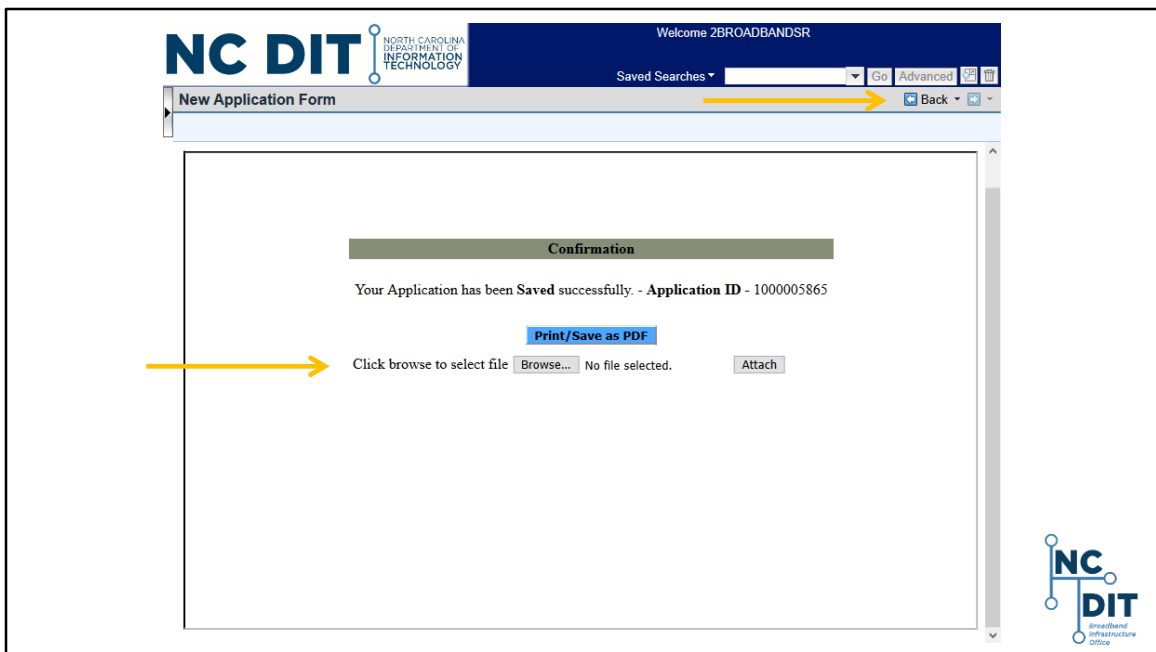
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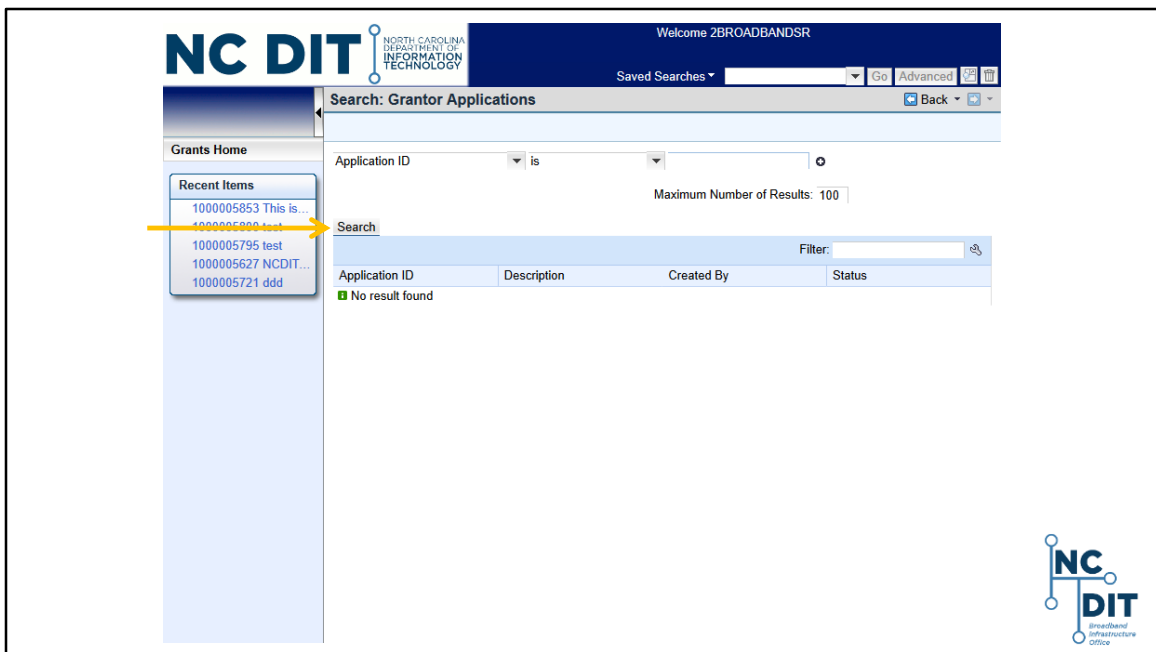


On the Certification page, you will provide attestation for a variety of company certifications and your application. Once you are finished here, click "Save" to be taken to the upload page.

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Once on the upload page, click "Browse" to find and select your file for upload. Then click "Attach." Now, click the back button in the top right corner.



Now, you are returned to the search criteria page for Grantor Applications. Click "Search" and you will find your existing application.

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Authorized Representative

Name: Title: Date:

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Return to the Certification page by clicking the "Certification" tab at the top of the page. Then click "Submit." You will be notified of any errors or incomplete sections of your application. Correct any errors and submit. You are now finished with your GREAT Grant application.

Get Help

GREAT Questions

- ncbroadband.gov/greatgrant
- Public Posting of FAQ
- GREATGrant@nc.gov

Application Help: SAP Support Services Team

- 919-707-2208
- DOTITSAPSupportServices@ncdot.gov

NCID Support

- it.nc.gov/ncid/
- 919-754-6000

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Next Steps

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The review process will then begin and awards will be announced on March 3rd.

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